

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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Application No. Unassigned

Examiner: Unassigned

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For: METHOD FOR SELECTIVELY  
SEPARATING LIVE CELLS EXPRESSING  
A SPECIFIC GENE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.